

Notwithstanding your usual rules of operation, please take steps to block Sinclair Broadcasting from forcing its stations to show a documentary in the coming weeks intended to smear Democratic candidate John Kerry and possibly sway the election.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pre-empting regular programming at stations around the country -- in order to air what's likely to be a completely partisan attack on Kerry's experiences in Vietnam -- serves a decidedly narrow interest and reeks of unacceptable consolidation of media outlets.

Thank you,

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